



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Minutes Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Members Present

Hon. Lloyd Carter, Co-Chair

Rob Mueller

JoAnn Eiring

Hon. Brad Schimel

Dawn Helmrich

Antwayne Robertson (proxy for Pupp)

Maura McMahon

Breanne Bucher

Jen Dunn, Co-Chair

Members Absent

Ron Pupp

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj

Janelle McClain

Bob Gibson

Carter called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Introductions

Attendees and guests introduced themselves.

Overview of Formation and Purpose of Committee and Overview of Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force Work To-Date

Luczaj distributed and Dunn reviewed a document titled "Waukesha County Anti-Human Trafficking Summit – 6/11/2018; Work Group Discussions."

Dunn reported that the Waukesha County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force was initiated in summer 2018 at a summit led by a national consultant. The Task Force established four workgroups/pillars: Law Enforcement, Court Systems, Prevention, and Treatment and Support. Luczaj added that the Task Force was not sure where the Court Systems workgroup should be housed, so Judge Dorow suggested within the CJCC. After an educational presentation was given to the CJCC Executive Committee, they voted to create this ad hoc committee.

Dunn stated that the steering committee would be taking a more active role with the workgroups in the future.

Begin Discussing Committee Goals

The committee, agreeing that the number of human trafficking victims is hugely underreported, identified various obstacles when attempting to get an accurate sense of how often human trafficking cases come through the court system. Some of the obstacles discussed include:

- Victims Assistance can only handle the case if it is referred to their office
- Judges can only intervene if the case comes before them
- Attorneys are not mandatory reporters, so even if they see an issue, they cannot say anything
- Prostitution charges could be trafficking situations; however, those cases are mostly handled through municipal courts
- There is an overall lack of training on the subject for the Judiciary, prosecutors, and defense attorneys

Workgroup members agreed that victims of human trafficking often tend to act as though they have a shadow - an issue that the courthouse security staff could watch for. These actions have also been observed in Drug Treatment Court and in emergency rooms when non-relatives will not leave the patient's side. Schimel added that DCF should have a screening tool for emergency rooms available on their website.

A desired outcome from the committee is an educated, informed court system. In order to do so, the need must be assessed, and then the target audience and training gaps identified. The trainings could include judges, court commissioners, attorneys, social workers, Guardian ad Litem, etc.

Mueller suggested looking at other counties, such as Milwaukee County, for assistance so that work between the counties is not unnecessarily duplicated.

The group acknowledged the difference between human trafficking versus sex trafficking treatment.

Luczaj suggested that the committee work with the Prevention Workgroup, as that workgroup has a focus on training, and we want to avoid duplication.

Dunn will draft the goals of the committee and either e-mail them to members, or bring them to the next meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Discuss Meeting Frequency

The committee agreed to meet on a monthly basis.

Discuss Meeting Day/Time

McClain will send a Doodle poll to members to determine the next meeting date and time.

Adjourn

Motion: Schimel moved, second by Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.